

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A unitary three valve filter element support is used in a filter cartridge includes an annular filter element within a housing having a central opening surrounded by an array of radial openings at a distance from one another. The unitary support has an annular end cap of the filter element, which sealing lip deflects the first valve to allow oil to bypass the filter element if the filter is clogged. A second valve is a dirty side anti-drainback valve flange projecting from the unitary body. A third valve is a check valve in the hollow core of the annular filter element to prevent drainback of clean oil and to prevent refilling of the filter cartridge with used or unfiltered oil.

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